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Richard William Gates III was interviewed at the offices of Sidley Austin LLP located at 1501 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20005. Present for the interview were Senior Special Counsel Attorneys (SASC) Andrew Weissmann and Jeannie Rhee, Assistant Special Counsel (ASC) Aaron Zelinsky, and Special Agents [REDACTED]. Gates's attorney, Tom Green of Sidley Austin LLP, was also present. After being advised of the identity of the interviewers and the nature of the interview, Gates provided the following information:

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June 12, 2016 to July 22, 2016

[Agent Note: According to open sources, on 06/12/2016, Julian Assange (Assange) said during an interview on British television channel ITV that "we have upcoming leaks in relation to Hillary Clinton... we have emails pending publication, that is correct." Assange did not specify when or how many emails would be published.]

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[REDACTED] Trump was generally frustrated Clinton's missing emails had not been found. [REDACTED]
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Manafort was having Gates periodically call [redacted] to check in on where the information was and when it would be coming.

Gates recalled a conversation with [redacted] prior to 07/22

[redacted] told Gates WikiLeaks would be dropping information [redacted]

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[redacted] Gates said the Russia theory was in contradiction to the "inside job" theory that was floated later.

Gates said a messaging strategy was being built in the June/July 2016 timeframe surrounding the upcoming release of information. [redacted]

[redacted] was building this strategy with Manafort also involved. [redacted]

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[redacted] Clinton's trustworthiness at this time was low.

Post July 22, 2016 WikiLeaks Releases

Gates said the campaign was very happy about the WikiLeaks Democratic National Committee (DNC) releases on 07/22/2016. [redacted]

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Manafort, [redacted] were happy from a communications team perspective because it offered a mode of deflection for the campaign after a sink in polling numbers following Trump's comments about Ted Cruz's

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father at the end of the Republican National Convention (RNC) [Agent Note:
The 2016 Republican National Convention took place in Cleveland, Ohio from
07/18/2016 - 07/21/2016].

Gates said that at the time of the 07/22/2016 WikiLeaks releases, there
were public indications that Russia was behind them.

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Gates said that after the Democratic National Convention in late July 2016 [Agent Note: The 2016 Democratic National Convention was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from 07/25/2016 - 07/28/2016] or in early August 2016,

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Trump and Gates were in a car transiting from Trump Tower to LaGuardia Airport (LGA).

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Gates gathered that during this phone call there would be additional leaks coming. Gates thought this because shortly after boarding the plane Trump stated that more leaks were coming.

Manafort was getting pressure regarding information,

Manafort instructed Gates status updates on upcoming information.

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Gates said around this time Kellyanne Conway (Conway) and Stephen Bannon (Bannon) were appointed to the campaign and there were conversations behind the scenes about bringing people on to bolster Manafort.

Gates said there was a strategy to defend Manafort by attacking Podesta. The idea was that Podesta had baggage as well. Gates said it was unfortunate the information did not come out in time to defend Manafort from his ultimate departure from the campaign [Agent Note: On 08/19/2016, Manafort resigned from the campaign].

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Gates said that on 10/07/2016 he was not in New York and was likely in Richmond, VA or Washington, D.C. Gates's primary contacts on the campaign at this time were [REDACTED] and Brad Parscale (Parscale).

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Gates advised he wasn't given a heads up on the Access Hollywood tape (the tape), but subsequently talked to members of the campaign, specifically Parscale, about it. Gates recalled the Parscale conversation being retrospective occurring on or about 10/08/2016. Parscale had told Gates he was in the room when the tape was outed. Parscale described this as a difficult time. Gates said a reporter had reached out to [REDACTED] to give a heads up that the tape would be made public. Gates said there was a

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very short period of time between the heads up and when the story broke.

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Gates said there was no prior discussion about the tape before the heads up to the campaign. [REDACTED]

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Gates recalls discussions about content of the Podesta emails after their release. Gates said there were discussions about how many WikiLeaks would drop each day of the 30,000 they had.

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** Gates was shown an email [REDACTED]
containing the subject line "Trump adviser: Wikileaks plotting email dump
to derail Hillary" **

Gates did not recall receiving the aforementioned email.

[REDACTED]

** Gates was shown an email [REDACTED]
containing the subject line "Russia? Look who's really in bed with Moscow
-- Podesta & Clinton Foundation money-laundering with Russia" **

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10/7 RG met in NY, Richmond or DC

Primary contacts [] Brand Thruout

No leads up the page, subsequently talked to campaign about it
Talked to BP

BP in room w/ DJT when [] arrived, difficult time
Reporter had reached out to [] gave leads up

Very small leads up before story broke

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No prior discussion about page, []

Talked to BP on 10/8 about page

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Discussion about content of article after the fact

Discussion about how much they would drop each day about 1/4 of the 30,000 they had

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Camp was very happy about WL release

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Just finished conversation

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RJM: [Redacted] was happy from a career perspective, offered deflection for camp

after spoke in public at last moment of case. DUT commented about Ted Cruz's father

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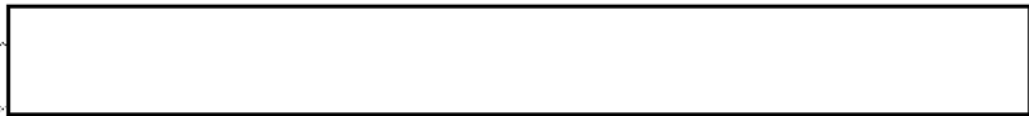
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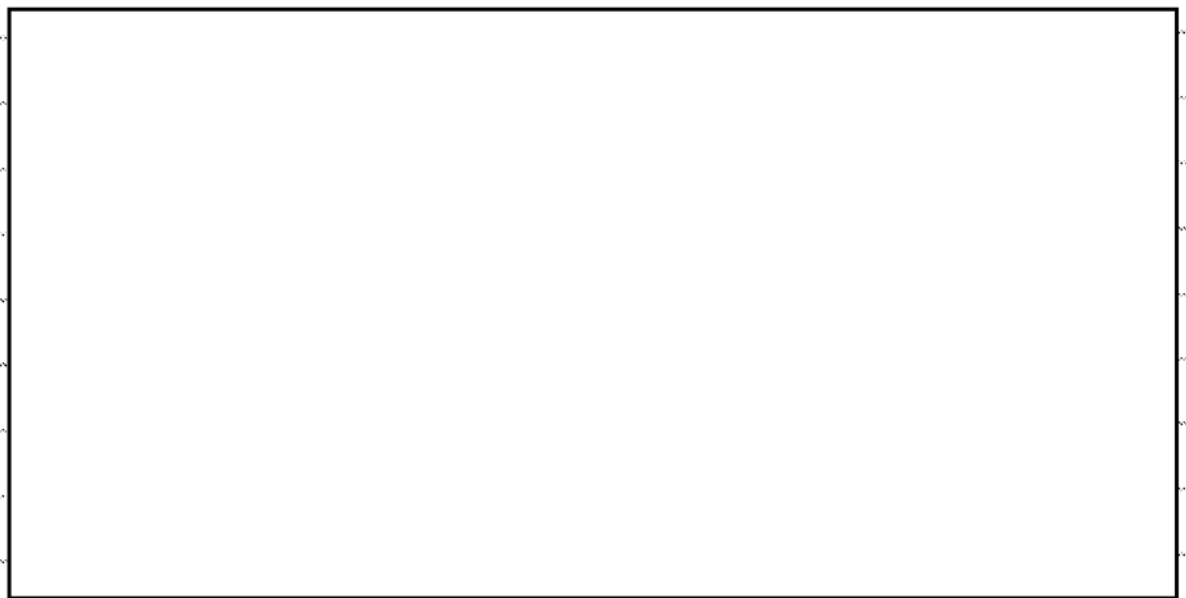
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Strategy to defend PJM, by attacking Edson
idea was Edson had baggage as well



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KC & SB had been opposed, carries liked the
scenarios about bringing people on to bilateral PJM



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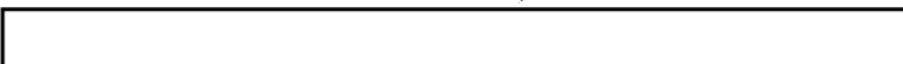
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JA announcement, pending national res. HRC, pending publication



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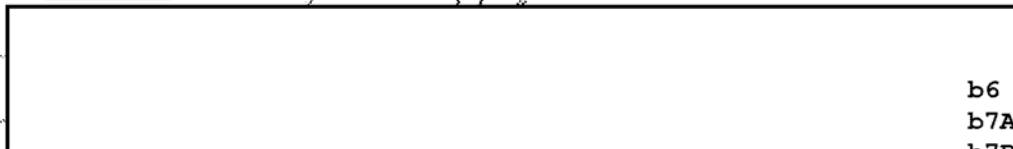
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Messaging Strategy June-July surrounding upcoming release of info



building strategy, PJM involved



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* RG shows email from 10/7 *

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To:
CC:

Subject: Trump adviser: Wikileaks plotting email dump to derail Hillary

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<http://www.wnbc.com/2016/09/28/trump-adviser-wikileaks-plotting-email-dump-to-derail-hillary/>

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Hillary Clinton (Photo: Twitter)

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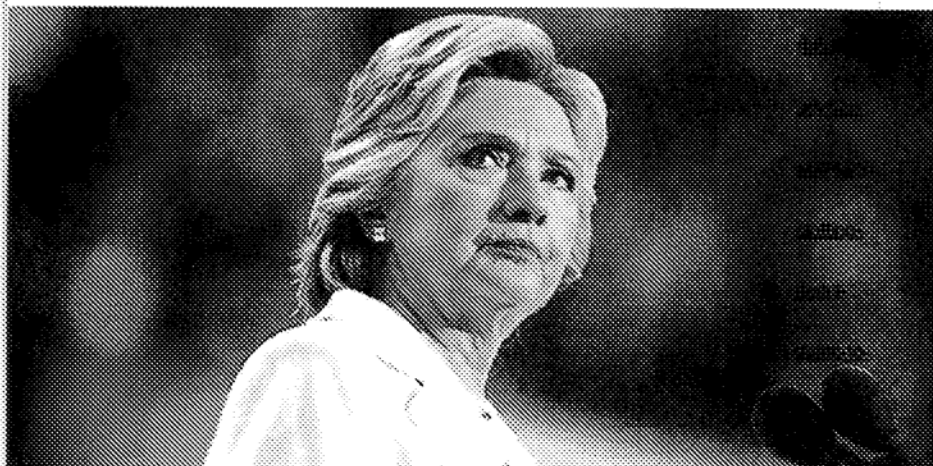
Claims he was hacked after disclosing what Assange told him

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He said the hackers who penetrated his personal bank accounts managed to establish an online portal through which they began stealing money before they were detected and stopped.

"Major portions of the hard drive on my computer system were destroyed, erasing maybe permanently decades of email contacts and various writing projects that were yet in progress," he said.

Stone told WND that while he has hired a team of computer experts to determine if his lost computer files can be recovered, he believes much of the damage is permanent, forcing him to move into a more highly secured computer environment.

In a speech Southwest Broward Republican Organization in Florida, published Aug. 9 by David Brock's left-wing website Media Matters (<https://mediamatters.org/video/2016/08/09/roger-stone-confirms-hes-communication-julian-assange/212261>), Stone said he had "communicated with Assange."

"I believe the next tranche of his documents pertain to the Clinton Foundation, but there is no telling what the October surprise may be," he said.

Stone told WND that Assange "plans to drop at various strategic points in the presidential campaigns Hillary Clinton emails involving the Clinton Foundation that have yet to surface publically."

"Assange claims the emails contain enough damaging information to put Hillary Clinton in jail for selling State Department 'official acts' in exchange for contributions to the Clinton Foundation and as a reward for Clinton Foundation donors becoming clients of Teneo, the consulting firm established by Bill Clinton's White House 'body man' Doug Band," he said.

"The Democrats are right to fear Assange's next email drops will be devastating to Hillary."

Stone, in an Info Wars interview last Friday with Alex Jones (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQKHmygMIFc>), first disclosed his computer and bank accounts had been hacked.

Clinton Foundation conflicts of interest

In May 2013, Politico broke the story (<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/huma-abedin-consultant-state-091503>) that longtime Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin spent her final months at the State Department working as a "special government employee" in a part-time consultancy, beginning during her pregnancy in the summer of 2012, while she worked second job as a part-time consultant to Teneo.

The New York Post in September 2013 (<https://nypost.com/2013/09/25/state-dept-sued-over-huma-abedin-pay-deal/>) reported Abedin was being paid \$355,000 as a consultant to Teneo while receiving \$135,000 in government pay as a part-time consultant for Hillary Clinton.

The Washington Post revealed in an article published Aug. 27, 2015 (https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/how-huma-abedin-operated-at-the-center-of-the-clinton-universe/2015/08/27/cd099eee-4b32-11e5-902f-39e9219e574b_story.html) that Abedin actually held four different jobs simultaneously, being paid also by the Clinton Foundation, where she was a contractor preparing for Hillary Clinton's eventual transition from the State Department to the charity.

Last Thursday, CNN reported (<https://www.cnn.com/2016/08/11/politics/hillary-clinton-cgi-cheryl-mills/>) Mills, on June 19, 2012, while serving as chief of staff for Secretary of State Clinton, traveled to New York to interview candidates for top jobs in the Clinton Foundation.

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Last September, Citizens United published three Freedom of Information Act email releases (<http://www.citizensunited.org/press-releases.aspx?article=10113>) that yielded dozens of Hillary Clinton emails that documented Mills and Abedin had been in regular contact with both the Clinton Foundation and with Doug Band via his email at his consulting firm, Teneo.

The decision by Citizens United to publish the emails in their entirety triggered a firestorm of criticism in the media. David Bossie, founder of Citizens United, said the emails show the "tangled web that is the State Department, Teneo, and the Clinton Foundation." (https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/how-huma-abedin-operated-at-the-center-of-the-clinton-universe/2015/08/27/cd099eee-4b32-11e5-902f-39e9219e574b_story.html)

"The Clinton Foundation had a direct line to Hillary Clinton's former chief of staff at the State Department, seeking her advice on lucrative speaking invitations for former President Bill Clinton outside of the department's normal ethics process, according to emails that surfaced in a federal lawsuit," reporter Rachael Bade wrote in Politico on Sept. 30, 2015, in an article titled "Clinton's chief of staff gave advice to Clinton Foundation."

"Foundation officials sought guidance from Cheryl Mills, a longtime Clinton lawyer and friend, on whether the former president should accept paid speaking gigs in countries that could have presented public relations problems, including a North Korea appearance that the nonprofit said Hillary Clinton's brother was pushing, the emails show," Bade continued.

Noting that Mills sat on the Clinton Foundation board before becoming the State Department's No. 2 employee, Bade commented that "Mills' involvement with some of the most sensitive speaking requests shows that top foundation officials felt comfortable seeking advice directly from Hillary Clinton's closest adviser and consulted her privately on speaking requests involving hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Bade also reported that the attorney for Mills, Beth Wilkinson, a partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, argued that her client simply gave advice and did not officially approve the arrangements, insisting no State Department rules had been broken.

"A member of Hillary Clinton's staff at the Department of State emailed classified information about the government in Congo to a staffer at the Clinton Foundation in 2012," wrote Alana Goodman in a September 2015 Washington Free Beacon article commenting on one of the emails Citizens United published. (<http://freebeacon.com/politics/clinton-aide-shared-classified-information-with-foundation-email-shows/>)

Goodman reported Mills sent the email to the Clinton Foundation foreign policy director, Amitabh Desai, on July 12, 2012, commenting that the FOIA-released email had been partially redacted because it included "foreign government information" that has been classified as "Confidential" by the State Department.

"The message could add to concerns from congressional and FBI investigators about whether former Secretary Clinton and her aides mishandled classified information while at the State Department," Goodman reported. "The email, which discussed the relationship between the governments in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, was originally drafted by Johnnie Carson, the State Department's assistant secretary for African affairs, who sent it to Mills' State Department email address."

Goodman further reported that Mills later forwarded the full message to Desai along with "talking points" for former President Bill Clinton shortly before he was scheduled to visit the region.

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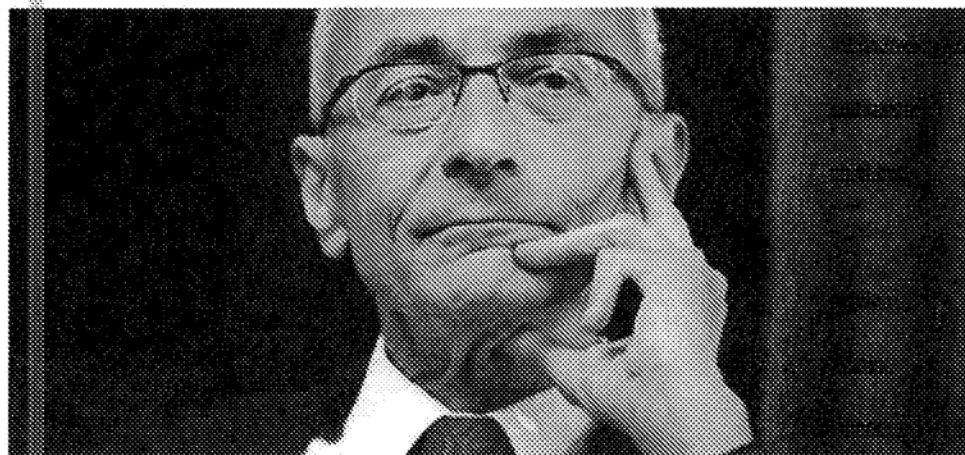
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John Podesta

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NEW YORK – Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign manager, John Podesta, was on the executive board of a client of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, which is at the heart of the the Panama Papers (<https://panamapapers.icij.org/>) investigation into massive global offshore money-laundering.

The company for which Podesta served as a board member, Joule, also received \$35 million from a Putin-connected Russian government fund at the same time then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spearheaded the transfer of U.S. advanced technology, some with military uses, as part of her "reset" strategy with Russia, according to a report titled "From Russia With Money," (<http://www.g-a-i.org/u/2016/08/Report-Skolkovo-08012016.pdf>) released in August by the Government Accountability Institute (<http://www.g-a-i.org/about/>). "Clinton Cash" author Peter Schweizer is president of GAI, and Steve Bannon, the CEO of the Trump campaign, is a director.

The Clintons' corruption is exposed in Jerome Corsi's "Partners in Crime: The Clintons' Scheme to Monetize the White House for Personal Profit," available at the WND Superstore! (<http://superstore.wnd.com/Partners-in-Crime-Hardcover-Bulk?promocode=STORY>)

The Russian entities that funneled money to Joule and its related companies, and ultimately to Podesta, include a controversial Russian investor with ties to the Russian government, Viktor Vekselberg, and his Renova Group, a Russian conglomerate with interests in oil, energy and telecommunication.

Vekselberg is a board member of Rusnano (<http://search.en.rusnano.com/default.aspx?k=Renova>), the Russian State Investment Fund, as well as president of the Skolkovo Foundation, named for Russia's version of Silicon Valley.

The Government Accountability Institute report noted Joule was a new company, founded in 2007, pioneering a technology based on harnessing solar energy. Podesta consulted for a foundation run by one of the investors in Joule Energy, Hansjoerg Wyss, who in turn was a major Clinton Foundation donor.

The report documented the Wyss Foundation has given from \$1 million to \$5 million to the Clinton Foundation. Podesta was paid \$87,000 by the Wyss Foundation in 2013, according to federal tax records.

In his 2014 federal government disclosure filing, Podesta declared he divested stock options from Joule, but the disclosure does not cover the years 2011-2012.

Joule Global Stichting was established in Amsterdam on March 14, 2011.

Podesta joined the company's executive board on June 25, 2011. Joule Stichting is a foundation, but it's not strictly a foundation in the charitable sense. A foundation of this type, a Dutch Stichting, is a popular means for reducing one's tax burden, as noted on the website of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca.

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The Government Accountability Institute concluded that although Podesta is listed on the corporate records, he failed to disclose his membership on the board of Joule Stichting in his federal financial disclosure forms when he joined the Obama White House as a senior adviser.

Russian government invests

Two months after Podesta joined the board, the Russian government investment fund Rusnano, the Russian Corporation of Nanotechnologies, founded by Vladimir Putin in 2007, announced it would invest up to \$35 million in Joule Unlimited.

On Aug. 1, Bannon and Schweizer co-authored a [Breitbart.com article titled "Report: Hillary Clinton's Campaign Manager John Podesta Sat on Board of Company that Bagged \\$35 million from Putin-Connected Russian Government Fund."](http://www.breitbart.com/2016-presidential-race/2016/08/01/report-hillary-clintons-campaign-mgr-john-podesta-sat-board-company-bagged-35-million-putin-connected-russian-govt-fund-2/) (<http://www.breitbart.com/2016-presidential-race/2016/08/01/report-hillary-clintons-campaign-mgr-john-podesta-sat-board-company-bagged-35-million-putin-connected-russian-govt-fund-2/>)

"The GAI investigative report says it's unclear how much, if any, money Podesta made. The reason: Podesta was on the board of three Joule entities, but only listed two on his disclosure; the most important entity, Joule Stichting, he did not list," Bannon and Schweizer noted. "Why Podesta failed to reveal, as required by law on his federal financial disclosures, his membership on the board of this offshore company is presently unknown."

Bannon and Schweizer further reported flows of funds from Russia during the "reset" to Podesta-connected entities apparently didn't end with Joule Energy, as Podesta's far-left think tank, Center for American Progress, CAP, took in \$5.25 million from the Sea Change Foundation between 2010 and 2013. The Sea Change Foundation, it turns out, ties into various entities specifically named and investigated in the Panama Papers, including Klein Ltd. and Troika Dialog Ltd.

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